

BRANDON COLLEGE

Alumni



News

1961-62, No. 2

BRANDON, MANITOBA

DECEMBER, 1961



Conveying our wishes for
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON
and happiness in the NEW YEAR

If address changed, notify
MISS J. GARNETT
General Secretary, B.C.A.A.
Brandon College,
Brandon, Manitoba

Annual Membership \$2.00
Life Membership \$25.00

Authorized as Second Class Mail
by the Post Office Dept., Ottawa
and for payment of Postage in Cash.

Mrs. J. R. C. EVANS,
643 - 13th St.,
Brandon, Man.

Editorial

We promised a December bulletin and, though there's no startling news to report, we have kept our promise.

At the time of writing, last-minute plans are being made for the annual residence Christmas party—rather a significant one, since it will be the last Christmas dinner in the present dining room. We are sure that this mention will transport many Alumni in their minds' eye to residence days—part of the memories that add significance to the Christmas season.

Just as her graduates tend to "look back" at this time, so does Brandon College indulge in backward glances. Her graduates must retain the fine things of the past and weave them with more recent experiences to form a life which is of maximum usefulness. In just the same way, the College itself must be guided—observing and retaining what has made her contribution unique through the years, and adding what is necessary to best serve the educational needs of a changing society—a society with vastly improved communication and with a new stress on national and international sharing of learning.

As we extend the Season's Greetings to all of you, we also ask you to join us in saluting Brandon College as she enters a new year—These are times of decision, and your Alma Mater needs and appreciates the friendly concern of her graduates as she shapes the course of things that are to come. May the New Year be one of continued and increased success. J.G.

Campus Face Changes

Anyone passing by Brandon College these days cannot help but be impressed by the new look which it has assumed. We had hoped to include an over-all picture in this issue of the "News", but our photographer had other plans!

The most recently occupied building is the men's residence in the extreme south-west corner of the campus. Harvey Young '55 and family occupy the residence master's suite. Although a few

"finishing touches" remain to be completed, the boys moved in late in October and proclaim a vast improvement!

It is expected that the dining hall will be ready for use early in the new year. Meanwhile, meals are being served in "shifts" in the former dining room, with facilities taxed to capacity. The date and details of the official opening of the residence and dining hall will be announced early in the year.

The College steam plant, under construction on Pacific Avenue at 20th Street is almost ready to supply heat for all of the College buildings.

Its off-campus location is planned to avoid "cluttering" the small campus area, and to provide proximity to the railway, our source of fuel supply.

Homecoming - 1961

The Thanksgiving "Homecoming" weekend is now history. Attendance was quite noticeably confined this year to graduates of the past ten years or so, with some two dozen Winnipeg visitors, ten or so from out of the province, and a large number from surrounding areas, in addition to former students living in Brandon.

Homecoming Queen was Lonnie McDonald '62 of Brookdale, and her attendants were Eileen Wightman '62 of Brandon and Mellanie Berthiaume '63 of Brandon. Our College "Caps" defeated United College in the afternoon football game.

Convener Heather Coates '58 and her committee deserve our hearty thanks for the tremendous amount of work and planning which went into this event. We might add that they went that "one step further" by calling a meeting with the Alumni executive to submit recommendations for next year while this year's Homecoming events were still uppermost in our minds. One of the main suggestions was that class reunions be organized and that more "informal" activities should be included, to facilitate visiting. As it was this year, "our man Hilt" was unanimously voted the "host with the most"!

College President and Bursar Attend Ottawa Meeting

Representing Brandon College at the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges in Ottawa in early November were College President Dr. Robbins and D. R. MacKay '40, Bursar-Registrar. The conference was planned about the theme "Canada's Universities in a New Age" and was attended by presidents from all member universities and colleges, together with one or more additional representatives from each.

This event occasioned an impromptu gathering of a few of the Ottawa alumni at the home of Lenore (Gusdal) '45 and the Hon. Walter Dinsdale '36.

Bateman Represents Alumni On Board Of Directors

In keeping with the nomination which came from the May meeting of the Association, the name of Mr. J. Irving Bateman was presented as Alumni nominee to the Brandon College Board this November. Mr. Bateman was elected to membership at the Board's annual meeting. Principal of Fleming School, in Brandon, Mr. Bateman is a former vice-president of our Alumni executive and has been actively interested in Alumni projects and particularly in the establishment of our permanent office.

Other new members elected to the Board of Directors include Dr. H. S. Evans, Mr. F. O. Meighen, Q.C., Mr. J. D. Dick and Mr. G. P. Sutherland.

Records Improved . . .

Look for increased activity from "head office" in the new year! A new card system now being compiled will enable quick location of complete graduating classes, and of all the Alumni within certain areas. This will greatly facilitate

class reunion plans, and the formation of branches in main cities. Up to now the plain alphabetical filing system has made it very difficult to provide these services. It is hoped that improved Alumni relations will prove the worth of formulating this new system.

Membership Clause Provides For "Former Students"

Our constitution states that in addition to regular members (who achieve membership in the Alumni Association through graduation), "any person who has had at least one year's attendance at Brandon College in the Faculty of Arts, Science, Education or Senior Music may be an associate member of the Association. Such persons must indicate a desire to join the Alumni Association".

We will welcome indication of this interest from any former students of the College. We feel that sometimes misunderstandings may have arisen because people were not aware of the above clause.

In keeping with the aims of our Association, the executive wishes to stress that we are anxious to hear from potential "associate" members, and hope that our regular members will make this policy known.

Personal Notes

A letter from Margaret (Kilgour) Gardner-Medwin '26 is written from Cheshire, England. She kindly offers some copies of "The Quill" from the 1920's—an offer which is eagerly accepted.

Andrew Kossak '58 is instructing at the newly-formed R.C.A.F. Central officers' school in Centralia, Ontario.

Beatrice Clendenning '21 spent the past summer as a member of a UNESCO study group travelling through Africa.

Doris (Heath) and John McLellan '27 write from Altadena, California. Doris mentions that they had a visit with Howard Umphrey '25 when he was in

California last January, and also that they've seen Don and Ruth (Clement) Coburn '27 since their trip to Japan.

Graham Hunt '53 who received his M.Sc. from the University of Alberta in 1958, received his Ph.D. in Geology at the fall convocation of the U. of A. He is now employed as a geologist for Mobil Oil in Edmonton.

Group Captain Charles Ruttan '38 formerly Commander of the R.C.A.F. base at Cold Lake, Alberta, has flown with his family to Wembley, England where he will be taking a senior officers' course.

Harold Hutton '58, who has received his M.Sc. degree from the University of Manitoba, is the winner of a \$2,400 Canadian Industries Limited award for postgraduate research in Chemistry. One of 18 fellowships offered annually, the award will assist Harold in working towards a Ph.D. degree at the University of Manitoba.

Rev. Martin K. Brown '45 has moved from Prince George, B.C. to Kingsville, Ontario.

George Peary '61 spent the summer overseas with the Air Force. While there he travelled quite extensively, and he reports seeing Harvey Kushmaniuk '59 in Germany.

Catherine (Nelson) Loss '53 and small sons spent a short time visiting with her parents here before going to Vancouver to join Cathy's husband who is doing post-graduate work at the University of British Columbia.

Visitors to the College from Toronto were Agnes (Bigelow) and Keith McKinnon '35. Earlier this summer their daughter had visited Brandon and her parents' Alma Mater.

Regina Armstrong '60 called in to the office to find addresses of Brandon College grads whom she might contact in her tour of Europe. She expects to be there until next spring.

"Mac" Andrews '52, home from Tehran, Iran, has left for Pasadena, California, where he will take a short course before proceeding to Brisbane, Australia where he will be employed.

Marriages

Our "statistics" column must begin this time with an apology to Bob Lane '57. The September issue mistakenly spelled his surname as "Land" (and Bob Land is a former student of Brandon College). In fairness to both parties, be it known that Bob Lane married Gail Christianson and is living in Corvallis, Oregon, where Bob is attending Oregon State University.

Barrie Orr '57 married Ann Helen Duggan of Calgary in September. They are living in Edmonton.

Married in July was George Leask '54. Mr. and Mrs. Leask live at Comox, British Columbia, where George is in the administration department of the R.C. A.F.

Births

We are pleased to pass along the following birth announcements:

Diane and Jack Fotheringham '57, a daughter, Jodi Lee.

Stuart and Shirley (Finch) Craig, a third son.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Trotter '46, a daughter.

Carol and Ken Morrison '51, a son, Paul Charles.

Beverley and Bob Harris '56, a second son.

Kitty and Art Mantell '54, a daughter.

Obituaries

The death of the following Alumni is regretfully announced:

Mrs. E. N. Grantham (Madge Struthers '19) of Edmonton in September, 1961.

Mrs. George Bowen, formerly Kathleen Johnson '14., in Winnipeg in November.

Thomas Morison '36, an executive of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited was killed in a car accident near Deep River, Ontario in November. Mr. Morison was manager of the administrative division of the Crown corporation which operates nuclear reactors near Deep River.